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This is to certify that **Dorjay Lama** has carried out this research work under my supervision in my laboratory. His thesis entitled **TAXONOMICAL, DISTRIBUTIONAL AND ECOLOGICAL STUDIES OF *Acer* L. (ACERACEAE) IN DARJEELING AND SIKKIM HIMALAYAS** is based on his original work and is being submitted for the award of **Doctor of Philosophy** (Science) degree in Botany in accordance with the rules and regulations of the **University of North Bengal**.

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